

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 2, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening prayer was given by Dean Mathis from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by a boy scout from Troop 555.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson, and Priscilla Scalf were present. Ann DeVore was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: George Dutro moved to change the Council Minutes from the November 25, 2008 meeting. Under New Business Requiring Council Action – Item B. the minutes should read that George Dutro voted “nay”. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. George Dutro moved to approve the Amended Minutes. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 44, 2008 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “CO” (PROFESSIONAL OFFICE COMMERCIAL), “P” (PUBLIC / MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL), SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES), “I-2” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL), AND “I-3” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO “PUD” (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT)” (Airpark) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff gave a brief overview of this final step to make this property at the airport a PUD. Jeff presented a power point presentation. Brooke Moore with HNTD Corporation did a brief presentation on behalf of the Columbus Board of Aviation. Several members from the audience spoke on behalf of their concerns with the length of the buffer and concerns in general regarding the rezoning. Much discussion followed. George Dutro moved to amend the Ordinance with the PUD requirements to provide a building setback from the required 50 and 60 foot buffers that is equal to the height of any structures to be located on adjacent properties. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed to amend the Ordinance by a vote of 6 to 0. Jeff Bergman indicated because of this amendment this item would go back to the Plan Commission for review. George Dutro moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.45, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, OF THE ASSETS OF EASTERN BARTHOLOMEW REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF EASTERN

- C. BARTHOLOMEW REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.” Keith Reeves, City Utilities Director and Terry Coriden, attorney for the Utilities Board, were present for this second reading. Keith detailed the agreement between the Eastern Bartholomew Regional Sewer District and Columbus City Utilities. Terry detailed the modifications on this new Ordinance. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to amend the Ordinance per request of Utilities Board with new document presented to City Council. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to approve the amended Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Joli Development) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated at the November 5, 2008 Columbus Plan Commission meeting, this application was reviewed and was being forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed. The application requested that an area of approximately 65 acres be annexed to the City of Columbus. Jeff presented a power point presentation and indicated this property is generally located on the north side of County Road 200 South, east of I-65. The applicant has indicated that this annexation will be developed as a third phase of the adjacent Wildflower Estates subdivision. This is the 3rd and final annexation required for Wildflower Estates. The area was required to be annexed in three (3) phases due to requirements that any annexed area be at least 1/8 contiguous with existing city limits. Jeff presented a power point presentation. Discussion followed. Jeff did mention to the Council that Indiana law prohibits annexation from becoming effective in the year preceding the census. This annexation on this property would be effective on January 2, 2010. Lisa Conner, developer of Wildflowers Estates, was present to answer any questions. George Dutro moved to amend the Ordinance in the legal description as the dimension was incorrect. Jeff concurred and indicated it would be corrected in the document for the second reading. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to place in proper channels. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.46, 2008, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.” (1st Street Parking Lot) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He stated the City of Columbus is the applicant and the Ordinance is a request to vacate the platted alley running north-south between Franklin and Lafayette Streets from 1st Street to a previously vacated mid-block east-west alley. The City is currently the owner of the alley and the vast majority of the adjoining property in the block. He stated that the Planning

Department research indicates this alley was thought to be have been vacated in 1981 with the other alleys in this block, however this alley was not included in that previous vacation. The alley is now being vacated as part of an effort to consolidate the various platted lots and vacated alleys on the site into a single parcel. The Planning Department is coordinating the alley vacation with the Bartholomew County Commissioners who are constructing a parking lot on the property for purpose of jail employee parking. Rich Eynon owns the adjacent property. The subdivision plat vacating the alley will include an easement allowing Mr. Eynon to maintain his lawn sprinkler system located in the alley. Jeff stated that on November 13, 2008, the Columbus Plat Committee reviewed the above referenced application and forwarded it to the City Council for consideration. Jeff presented a power point presentation on the property in discussion. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on first reading. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. After further discussion, Jesse Brand made the motion to amend the Ordinance so that a specific measurement should be used in the described right-of-way and should read as follows:

All of a 12 foot wide mid-block north-south alley running 150 feet south from 1st Street and located between lots 183 and 184 of the Original Plat of the Town (now City) of Columbus as recorded in Plat Book "A", Pages 68 and 69 in the Office of the Recorder of Bartholomew County, Indiana

Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.34, 2008, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Keith Reeves, Director of Utilities, and Terry Coriden, attorney for the Utilities Board, presented this Resolution. Keith indicated he had presented the proposed 2009 Utilities budget for review by the City Council at the last meeting. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.47, 2008, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2009." Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan presented this Ordinance approving the 2009 salaries for elected officials. She reiterated that this Ordinance is the same as last year and does not include a salary raise. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on first reading. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer